

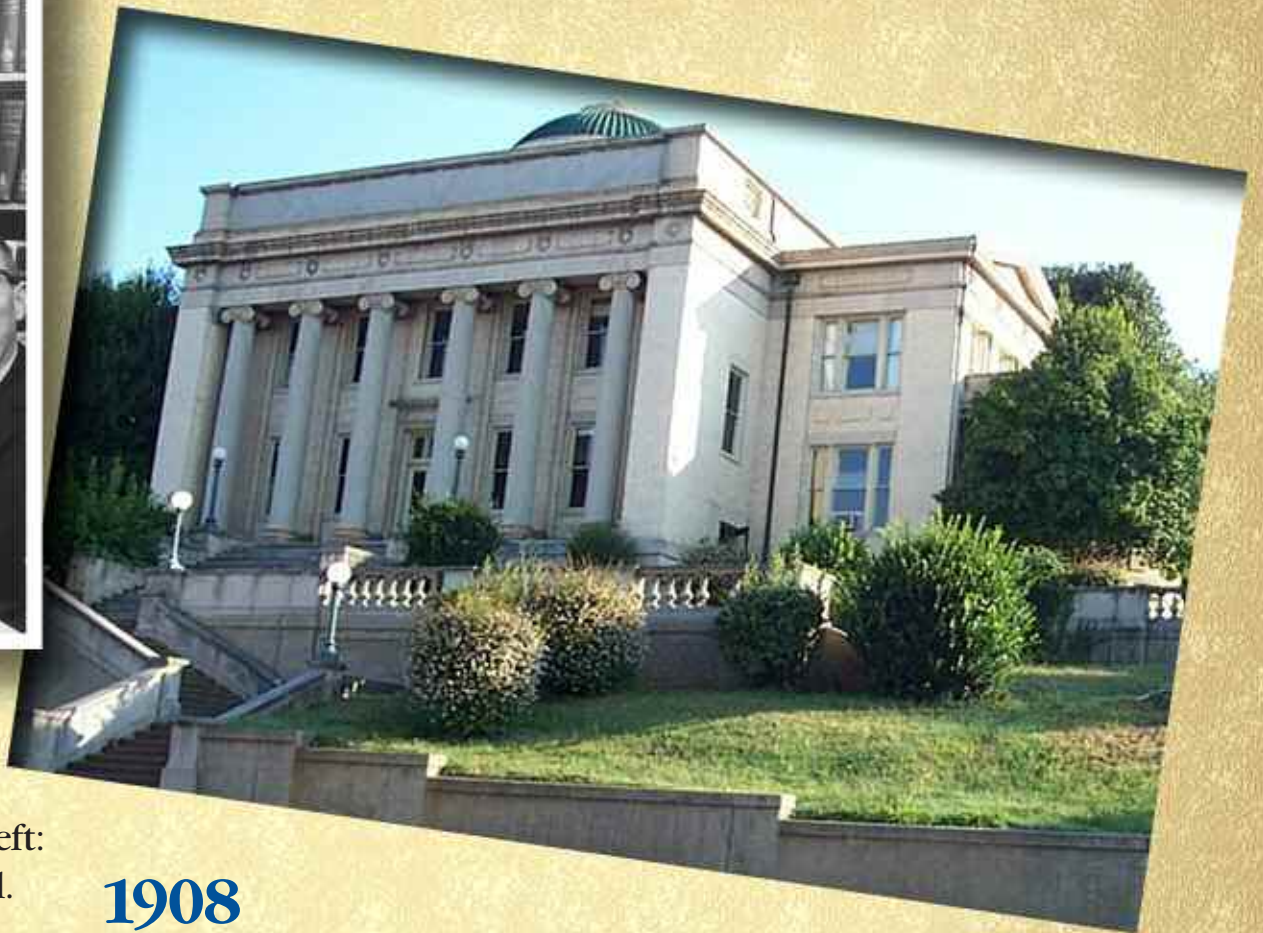
Milestones and Memories



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1966

Friends' officers and librarian David Rowland planned for the April 1966 opening of the library. Seated from left: David Rowland, J. Burton Linker, and Samuel Cardwell. Standing: John MacMillan and Dr. Carroll H. Lippard.



1908

The George M. Jones Memorial Library opened in 1908. Like many other "public" facilities of the era, the Jones Library was open only to whites. In the 1930s, the Jones Board provided a library for Dunbar High School, but persons of color and non-city residents could not use the Rivermont Avenue library.



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1974

In August 1974, Lynn L. Dodge was congratulated upon being named library director. With her when her appointment was announced were, from her left, Odell Washington, chairman of Library Advisory Board; W. P. Ellis, director of Department of Civic Enrichment; and David B. Norman, city manager.



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1970s

Children's programs have always been a popular library service.



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1984

During the City Council campaign of 1980, citizens asked for a new, more centrally located library. In 1981 City Council voted to spend \$1.8 million of local funds to purchase and renovate the former Sears store at the Plaza. The library opened in its new location in October 1984. With 36,000 square feet, it is more than twice the size of the original facility.



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1992

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Human Rights was established by City Council and located at the Plaza library in 1992. Dr. Joseph Lowery, President of Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), spoke at the grand opening.

